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For: LOW-DRAG HYDRODYNAMIC SURFACES

RESPONSE

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the office action of August 16, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 5, after line 5, please add the following new paragraph:

--A debris cutter is positioned at an intersection of the body and the hydrofoil. The at least one horizontal drive shaft includes at least one set of counter-rotating drive shafts connected to the propulsion drive shafts and at least one set of counter-rotating propellers attached to the at

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